

Joanne Kozberg and William Hauck, Co-Chairs
California Performance Review
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Kozberg and Mr. Hauck:

As a member of a Healthy Living Council for older adults in Alameda County, I learned that the California Performance Review Commission is considering changing or eliminating the California Commission on Aging, which performs a vital function in support of older adults in this state. I feel it is essential that a successful state administrative structure for aging programs and services include a strong, independent voice at the state level, and I urge you to continue the Commission, particularly in the performance of the following activities:

- Fulfill the role of spokesperson/advisor for aging policy to the legislature, governor and the Health and Human Services Agency
- Advocate on behalf of the four million seniors in California
- Plan a service delivery systems that meets California's changing demographics – particularly aging baby boomers
- Coordinate services across state departments and agencies
- Ensure effective use of state resources
- Preserve the dignity and integrity of older persons

Healthy Living Councils are a program of Nutrition Services/Alameda County Public Health Department. Councils for older adults are located at North and East Oakland Senior Centers and Manzanita and Rainbow Recreation Centers. The goals of these councils are to create a healthy environment for seniors in their neighborhoods, to promote sustainable changes in their communities, and to support good nutrition and physical activity for older adults.

Sincerely,

Robert Edwards Jr.